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SUBJ: AGRICULTURAL JOINT COMMISSION MEETING (09.00)

1. FOLLOWING IS QUICK TRANSLATION OF LETTER RECEIVED TODAY FROM DEPUTY AG. MIN. RUNOV TO ASST. SEC. BELL:
"IN ACCORD WITH PROTOCOL, SIXTH SESSION OF JOINT COMMISSION SHOULD BE HELD IN SEPTEMBER OR OCTOBER THIS YEAR IN WASHINGTON. SEPTEMBER HAS ALREADY PASSED AND, UNFORTUNATELY, THE SOVIET SIDE HAS NOT RECEIVED NOTIFICATION FROM YOU CONCERNING WHEN THE NEXT MEETINGS OF THE JWG AND JWC WILL BE HELD THIS YEAR. AS YOU WELL KNOW, THE PERIOD OF THESE MEETINGS MUST BE FIXED WELL IN ADVANCE IN ORDER TO HAVE SUFFICIENT PREPARATION TIME. IN OUR OPINION, THE BEST PERIOD IS THE END OF NOVEMBER OR FIRST HALF OF DECEMBER. IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE TO BEGIN WITH THE MEETING OF JWG ON S&T, FOLLOWED BY THE ECONOMIC JWG, AND CONCLUDE WITH THE JWC SESSIONS ATTENDED BY THE CHAIRMEN AND A FEW MEMBERS OF THE JWG'S. PLEASE ADVISE US OF YOUR PROPOSALS FOR THESE MEETINGS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, KEEPING IN MIND THAT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE US-USSR AGRICULTURAL AGREEMENT OF JUNE 19, 1973, THESE MEETINGS MUST BE HELD EACH YEAR."

2. SUM AND SUBSTANCE OF ABOVE LETTER IS SOVIET APPEAL
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TO HOLD SUBJECT MEETING THIS YEAR. KOVALEV ALSO INDI-

CATED ORALLY THAT DEFERMENT OF MEETING UNTIL CY 77 WOULD
PRESENT BUDGETARY PROBLEMS FOR THEM, AS WELL AS CONSTITU-
TING BREACH OF THE AGREEMENT.

3. FYI, AGATTACHE'S OFFICE, PER EULER INSTRUCTIONS, HAS
NOT MENTIONED TO SOVIETS THE USDA INTENTION TO SHORTLY
PROPOSE JANUARY 1977 MEETING DATE.
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